



# INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

February 2007

### ***February 8, 2007 — Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Orientation***

ICJI Staff attended an orientation session on the Marion County focused JDA Initiative. At the orientation staff was able to obtain a greater understanding of the initiative, the direction the steering committee anticipates moving forward towards, and its over-arching goals. At the end of the meeting staff members met with the lead facilitator to discuss some possible collaboration and resource sharing opportunities. A component of the Initiative will include addressing disproportionate minority confinement. Once the Initiative has established the sub-committee, the Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator will become more engaged and an active participant as some interests of the Initiative are shared by the Indiana Disproportionality Committee and information on certain topics have already been collected.

### ***February 12, 2007 — Community Centers and Disproportionality***

ICJI staff and a representative from Community Centers of Indianapolis that directly works with a high number of minority families discussed potentially working together to strengthen the mental health component of the Indiana Disproportionality Committee. The representative is interested in addressing disproportionalities in treatments for minority youth. Follow up will be conducted to see if the potential collaboration can be feasible.

### ***February 16, 2007 — Indiana Disproportionality Training Sub-Committee***

The training committee remains focused on obtaining IRB approval for the survey and identifying key stakeholders that need to complete the survey. In addition to survey preparations the sub-committee has begun developing training standards for organizations and entities that interact with children and families of color.

### ***February 21, 2007 — Indiana Disproportionality Community Awareness Sub-Committee***

The DMC Coordinator met with the Chair of the sub-committee to design two brochure templates that will identify and disclose issues Indiana faces around disproportionality and the ongoing efforts of the Indiana Disproportionality Committee. The brochure will be designed to be clear, resourceful, and intriguing to the reader. The intentions of the brochure are to spark further conversations and illustrate how various systems are impacted by disproportionality.

### ***February 27, 2007 — DMC Coordinator met with Communications Director of ICJI***

With the increase in invitations to speak at various engagements focusing around disproportionality the DMC Coordinator met with the Communications Director in regards to creating an informative document to disseminate at events describing the operations and focuses of each division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. This is to ensure that a standard message is delivered and to promote DMC from within the agency.

### ***February 28, 2007 — State of Our Black Youth (SOBY—Indianapolis Committee)***

The SOBY Indianapolis Committee has made contact with IBE representatives to address the video taping needs and has discussed an approach in order to establish a strategic plan for future efforts. The Committee continues to work vigorously to identify possible funding sources and opportunities to disseminate the toolkits.

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